

## GERMANY ASKS HEARING IN ARABIC INCIDENT

### Ambassador Bernstorff Requests State Department To Withhold Judgment Until Report Is Received From Berlin—State Department Officials, Who Have Been Awaiting Action of This Kind, Are Pleased With Attitude of Germany and Are More Hopeful That Drastic Action Will Not Be Necessary

**GERMANY ASKS HEARING**

Washington, Aug. 24.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today asked that the United States withhold action in the Arabic case until a report is received from Berlin.

New York, Aug. 24.—At his headquarters here today Ambassador von Bernstorff practically admitted he has asked that no action be taken by the United States with regard to the sinking of the Arabic until official word is received from Berlin. The ambassador will give out a report as soon as authorization is received from the state department, it was said at the ambassador's rooms at the Ritz-Carlton.

(By Charles P. Stewart.)  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Aug. 24.—Through Ambassador von Bernstorff, Germany today issued a practical disclaimer of the act of her submarine commander in sinking the liner Arabic.

This tends to forecast a peaceful settlement of the crisis growing out of the destruction of the liner with the loss of two American lives.

In some quarters the belief was expressed that the communication forwarded to the state department by the German ambassador which requests that no action be taken by this government until Germany is heard, forecasts a formal disclaimer by the kaiser.

"If Americans should actually have lost their lives, then this would naturally be contrary to our intentions," was the conciliatory statement included in the communication from Berlin.

While officials said this statement does not dispose of the matter of the loss of American lives, or constitute a satisfactory explanation of the attack upon the Arabic, it is taken as indicative of a determination to let the United States know the kaiser had no idea of committing a "deliberately unfriendly" act.

With such a disposition shown, officials said they were more than hopeful of an adjustment of the incident without a break in diplomatic relations.

It was emphasized that the communication handed the state department came from Germany, not merely from Ambassador von Bernstorff, and was forwarded to Washington by the ambassador at the request of his government.

**Von Bernstorff's Note.**  
Washington, Aug. 24.—Ambassador

## "IF GOD WILLS" GERMANS SEE VICTORY AHEAD

### Chancellor Addresses People—Regret For Lives Lost On Arabic

Berlin, Aug. 24.—"The struggle is not yet ended, but if God wills it, the day will arrive when what does not bend must break," was the statement of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg in an address to a crowd in front of his residence after the new \$2,000,000, 000 war loan had been passed by the reichstag.

The Berlin papers pointed out today that while party differences have been buried in Germany, party and personal attacks continue in the parliaments of the enemy.

Further advance of the forces closing in upon Breslau was also announced by the official statement which declared the Bavarian troops of Prince Leopold had defeated the Russians northeast of Kleszczewo and reached the forts of Bialowieza. The Bavarians took 4,500 prisoners.

On the western front it was admitted the French captured a trench on Barrenkopf. Elsewhere all enemy attacks were repulsed.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg continues to advance east and south of Kovno, the statement said. His forces have taken 3,600 additional prisoners and eight machine guns.

**Regret Loss of Life.**  
Berlin, via Tuckerton, N. J., Aug. 24.—Regret for the loss of life incident to the sinking of the liner Arabic was expressed by German papers today. That lives were lost was probably due to leaky boats "as in previous cases," it was declared.

"At any rate this was no fault of the submarine, if it is established that a submarine sank the liner," was the typical statement of the newspapers.

An official report has not arrived and the public should reserve judgment. The Arabic was an English ship in the war zone, going out for another cargo of war material and carrying a large amount of gold to pay for the material."

## MILLIONS OF MONEY FOR COTTON GROWERS

### Large Sums Will Be Deposited In Southern Reserve Banks By McAdoo

Washington, Aug. 24.—Uncle Sam will insure his own cotton crop. Through the announcement of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo that \$30,000,000 or more would be deposited in southern federal reserve banks, if necessary, cotton growers are to be protected against the action of the allies proclaiming cotton contraband. This money will be used in rediscounting loans on cotton secured by warehouse receipts. The money will be deposited without interest and national and state banks which have made loans on cotton may rediscount them through the Atlanta, Dallas and Richmond federal reserve banks.

By enlarging the credit in the south it is expected the growers will be able to carry their cotton in warehouses until such time as it can be sold to better advantage than under the present war conditions.

Despite expectations of success, the administration will watch closely the emergency arrangements to prevent disorganization of the cotton industry as a result of the allies' contraband order. It is realized that saving the cotton situation is of the greatest commercial importance. It is also politically important owing to a growing resentment among southerners against what is termed the state department's lack of vigor in handling the cotton negotiations with Great Britain. This resentment has been worrying President Wilson and his advisors.

It was stated today that while the most strenuous objection will be raised against the decree putting cotton on the contraband list, it should be understood that the decree will not affect claims already made to England as to the destruction of cotton cargoes.

Another diplomatic effort is about to be made to secure the release of goods of German origin which were seized while en route to this country or are held up in Holland and Scandinavian ports by the British order in council.

**"Bad Man" Requests Services of Priest**

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 24.—With the date of his execution only three days away and with little chance of a reprieve from the governor, Frank Cook is today preparing for death at Folsom prison.

Cooks, who had the reputation of being a "bad man" in prison, and who scoffed at religion, today requested that a priest be sent to him. With death staring him in the face he has become a changed man.

Cooks will be hanged Friday at 10 a. m. for the murder of a prison guard last year. He has been in the prison 10 years previously.

Although pleas have been made to the governor on behalf of every other condemned man, not a single person has come forward to speak for Cooks.

## "UNKNOWN PERSONS" LYNCHED LEO FRANK

### Coroner's Verdict Is Colorless—Grand Jury Called To Investigate

Marietta, Aug. 24.—Leo M. Frank came to his death "at the hands of unknown persons" was the verdict returned by the coroner's jury here today.

Twenty witnesses were heard by the jury in its inquest into the lynching of Frank by a mob which kidnaped him from the state prison farm at Milledgeville and hanged him to a tree near Marietta. The verdict was returned within three minutes after the jury retired.

Many witnesses were asked the direct question of whether they knew who killed Frank. All replied that they did not.

Among the witnesses called were Dr. D. Elder, J. Bart Wing and W. J. Fry, owner of the property on which Frank was lynched. These men, with others who were examined, were among the first to reach the death-tree after Frank had been hanged. Dr. Elder said when he reached the scene Frank was dead, though the body was still warm. The only mark on the body, he said, was the cut in the neck which had been made by the rope.

Several witnesses testified to seeing automobiles hurrying along the road, but all declared they were unable to identify any of the occupants, and all

## ENGLAND IS AWARE FRANCE NOT SATISFIED WITH HER OPERATIONS

### (By Ed L. Keen.) (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

London, Aug. 11.—(By mail.)—England knows France is not satisfied with her.

The showing Great Britain has made with her land forces has not been all that France has had a right to expect. While the dispatch from William Philip Simms, the United Press correspondent in Paris, probably reveals to the French the extent of the British discomfiture, it relates facts which are well known to Britishers.

Britishers admit, with sincere regret, that France has had some ground for her complaints. But they predict that in the very near future the allies will have no basis for criticism.

Britishers do not deny the French charge, contained in Simms' article, that the British are fortifying London with a double row of defense. The Britishers are looking square in the face the remote possibility that the British Isles may be invaded by Germany. London has been preparing for invasion for a long time. Great Britain will do her best to keep the possible invaders away from Calais and the French criticism that the British are thoughtlessly worrying more about London than they are about Calais is not

## NOT CRUSHED BUT FORCED TO RETREAT ONLY

### Russians Assert That They Will Come Back Stronger Than Ever

Petrograd, Aug. 24.—Vilna and Bielostok, the important railway centers north of Warsaw, will shortly fall before the Germans, a high official of the war office admitted today. This will sever the Petrograd-Warsaw railway, but the government official declared sufficient lines would still be retained to withdraw the Slav armies.

The forces of Grand Duke Nicholas are far from crushed, according to this official, who predicted that the Russians will yet assume the offensive again and regain the ground that has been lost.

In an interview, approved by the government, the official of the war office said:

"Vilna and Bielostok may be expected to fall into the hands of the Germans shortly, but despite the severing of the Petrograd-Warsaw railway we will retain two trunk and various branch lines which will be sufficient to withdraw our armies without danger of capture."

"I do not believe Petrograd is in any danger from the Germans. Measures have been taken to protect the city."

The Russian war office gives full credit to German strategy for the Teutons' success in Poland. The official granting the interview admitted that the victories of the Austro-Germans were due to the strategic superiority of the Teuton leaders.

Despite the steady withdrawal of the Russian armies, the Petrograd war office is greatly cheered by the increase in the production of munitions in Russia. With more guns and men at their disposal, the best forces of Grand Duke Nicholas may be expected to recover and strike death-dealing blows to the enemy, the official declared.

"The idea that our armies are crushed is ridiculous," he said. "They have been forced to retreat, but the territory they have yielded can always be regained."

"The day is not far off when we will again take the offensive and push the Austro-Germans back to their own borders. We are absolutely confident that the difficulties into which we have fallen owing to errors will be followed by new triumphs."

The official said that the allies would presently proceed with movements which will bring the final result toward which all of the entente powers are working.

**Further German Losses.**  
London, Aug. 24.—No confirmation from the Russian admiralty and been received here today as to press dispatches from Petrograd declaring a German auxiliary cruiser and a submarine had been added to the list of German losses in the Riga naval battle.

This would make a German dreadnaught, three cruisers, eight torpedo boats and a submarine destroyed by the Russians.

Dispatches from Petrograd, though not confirmed by the admiralty, credit Russian destroyers and mines with having sunk the German ships, except in the action in which a British submarine sank the enemy dreadnaught.

The German destroyers threatened their way into the Gulf of Riga through a mist, making their first attack upon the old Russian battleship, Slava. Russian torpedo boats hurried to the aid of the Slava, according to the accounts received here, and drove the Germans toward the mine fields. There the vessels accounted for were blown up by mines or sunk by shells from the Russian torpedo boats.

**Berlin War Bulletins.**  
Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, L. I., Aug. 24.—Russia is facing bankruptcy, according to the Vossische Zeitung today, which prints what is purported to be a stenographic report of the Russian imperial council's finance committee.

The report that Russia is to fill her depleted ranks and put 8,000,000 men in the field is an excellent theory, it is declared, but will not work in practice, as the Slavs lack equipment and officers for such an army.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, L. I., Aug. 24.—A German submarine sank a Russian auxiliary ship off the Gulf of Finland, the admiralty announced today.

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## ARMED MEXICANS CROSS TEXAS BORDER

### Invade State Near Fort Ringgold and Are Pursued By U. S. Soldiers

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 24.—Two bands of armed Mexicans crossed the Rio Grande river at Fort Ringgold, 30 miles from here, early today. They are being pursued by United States soldiers.

General Maffett issued a proclamation today permitting Mexicans to return to their native soil and many are now flocking toward Mexico. Traders are being built about Matamoros by Mexicans, according to reports here. A Mexican is held in jail for delivering a speech last night in which he urged his countrymen to arm against the United States.

**Carranza's Reply Coming.**  
Washington, Aug. 24.—General Carranza's reply to the peace proposal of the Pan-American powers is understood to be on its way today and is probably a demand for recognition.

In official circles it was evident considerable satisfaction would result if General Villa defeated General Carranza in the fighting now in progress about Monterey, but there was no hope of this. A victory for Villa would place Carranza more in an even footing with other factional leaders and possibly render him more amenable to discussion of peace.

## CONFLICTING REPORTS OF NAVAL BATTLE

### There Is Little Doubt However That German Fleet Was Driven Away

(By J. W. T. Mason.)  
(Write for the United Press.)

New York, Aug. 24.—Conflicting reports have observed the recent naval battle of the Gulf of Riga, but there seems no room for doubt that the engagement occurred and that the Germans were driven off. The German losses cannot be determined by the vaguely worded report from the Russian admiralty that two cruisers and eight torpedo boats were "destroyed or damaged."

Whether any were actually destroyed must be known to the Russians. It is highly improbable that the Germans could be forced to retreat by the Slavs alone. They must have had assistance, which was a surprise to the Germans.

The nature of this assistance is suggested in the Russian reports that a British submarine torpedoed a German dreadnaught. If a number of British submarines had got into the Baltic and had lain in wait for the Germans, the German defeat would be adequately explained. It is most probable that this is what actually happened. There have been many indications recently that English submarines are in the "German lake."

The German Baltic fleet hereafter will have to adopt more cautious measures if it is not to be destroyed by British submarines.

## SEVEN PROSPEROUS YEARS SAYS EDISON

### West Orange, N. J., Aug. 24.—Seven years of prosperity, and possibly more, if the people do not attempt to overdo things, was the prediction of Thomas A. Edison, the noted inventor, in an interview at his home here.

## BURNED IN A BOX

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 24.—Trapped in a large packing box in which she and her brother had been playing house, Rose Dehen, three years old, daughter of W. P. Dehen, 3511 Ferdinand street, was burned to death yesterday afternoon. The accident happened in the rear of a grocery store, where the little girl and her brother, four years old, had carried straw into the box and placed a can in one corner, as a stove. The stove suggested matches, and it was this that later started the blaze.

## DELEGATES TO EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION STILL SCRAPPING

Oakland, Cal., Aug. 24.—Delegates to the National Educational association here are on the qui vive today over a sensational echo of the Chinese boycott on all things Japanese. During a departmental congress an open breach between a Chinese woman doctor who hated her neighbors and a Japanese doctor who followed her on the program was narrowly averted. Japan was roundly scolded by the Chinese woman for alleged unethical practices.

It was admitted by members today that serious opposition to the arrangements for a comprehensive study of education systems of the country by the United States bureau of education may be brought forth by agricultural colleges of the United States. That the agricultural colleges feel deeply aggrieved because they were not included in the list of educational organizations appealed to by the bureau was admitted.

A delegate has been appointed to confer with Commissioner of Education P. P. Claxton, as to whether agricultural experts would be represented.

President Wilson has been awarded the medal of the association for the most distinguished service for the cause of peace.

## STOCK BROKERS THINK GERMANS WILL RECEDE

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New York, Aug. 24.—The interpretation placed by the stock exchange on Ambassador von Bernstorff's request to Washington to withhold action on the Arabic until reports are received from Berlin was foregone conclusion that the foreign office desires to avoid an open breach.

There was no information for our own governmental circles during the market hours as to what Berlin's communication would be, except from unofficial sources. It would have been to have assumed that Germany was preparing to deny the attack and demand proof of it. In the absence of any announcement, however, the exchange withheld judgment.

News of the German request came after the market had continued in more or less irregular fashion the recovery of yesterday with resultant advances ranging from one to an extreme of 11 in more active issues.

## NO MORE GRAPE JUICE AT DIPLOMATIC DINNERS

Washington, Aug. 24.—The day of "grape juice diplomatic dinners" has passed.

There was considerable rejoicing in some quarters of diplomatic society today when the news got around that Secretary of State Lansing had served wine last night at a dinner he gave in honor of Senor Cardozo de Oliveira, Brazilian minister to Mexico, Ambassador Degama and other South American diplomats. The occasion marked a return to the wines which have been used for many years.

Mr. Lansing and I are not extremists in the advocacy of temperance," Mrs. Lansing explained today.

## THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday, cooler east portion; westerly winds.

IN A REGULAR JERRY TRAVELERS

## WILL SUPPORT PRESIDENT

Boston, Aug. 24.—President Wilson was assured of the united support of 24 state executives in any action he may take in the present international crisis by a resolution adopted by the governor's conference this afternoon.

## FIVE BURNED TO DEATH

Twin Falls, Idaho, Aug. 24.—The four children of John Tooth and the child of a neighbor are dead today as the result of a fire which destroyed the Tooth home, 35 miles southeast of here.

The children ranged from two to eight years old. The parents locked them in the house while they went to a party. When they returned they found the house in ruins and the children's charred bodies in the debris.